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Board of Ed. Race: Joshua Thomas Withdraws, New Candidate Enters

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Joshua Thomas, current Board of Education member for District 2 and an Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate, has withdrawn his name from the ballot as of August 15. Thomas, who is finishing his first term and fourth year on the board, said he would be releasing an official statement in the next couple of weeks, but speaking with the Greenbelt News Review last week, he cited a combination of personal and professional factors influencing his decision to withdraw from the race six



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Jenni Pompi

months after he filed to run for re-election. Thomas said these considerations included his career plans, the political nature of the

New Police Crisis Intervention Team Off to Successful Start

by Matthew Arbach

The Greenbelt Police Department (GPD) has begun implementing its new Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) with counselor Rachel Tobin. According to Tobin, "CIT will assist with welfare checks, domestic abuse, geriatric and juvenile issues with behavioral health concerns, victim support, critical incidents, emergency petitions and repeat callers to 911 who are identified with behavioral health concerns." At the Greenbelt City Council worksession on August 31, Greenbelt Chief Richard Bowers said the CIT will be used to stabilize "the crisis of the moment," with limited follow-up, after which a referral to the crisis team at Greenbelt CARES is made in order to do any further intervention, such as ongoing individual therapy, said Tobin. In the past two months the CIT has responded to 35 calls of service.

Bowers explained that this is a co-responder model, with the CIT always paired with police officers. This is for safety and allows for officers to deal with any potential criminal side of the call, allowing the CIT to focus on any victim issues. The goal is to divert the situation before a crime is ever committed.

"Follow-ups are a large part of this job, ensuring individuals are linked to appropriate resources," said Tobin. She characterized the referrals to CARES as "a warm handoff."

Tobin has a master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, with six years of experience in the crisis mitigation field and a year with the Health Department.

When asked about any safety concerns, Tobin said "While every call has some level of risk, I feel confident with my previous training and safe with the officers I work with," adding that the co-responder approach has been, thus far, going well.

At the worksession, Bowers reported that the county has a new crisis intervention vendor in Crisis Mind Now, which can offer assistance any time if needed. GPD would only use the vendor if the city's CIT was not available. Another community victim service employed by GPD is Community Advocates for Family and Youth (CAFY), which Bow-

ers said handles the area of sex offenses and human trafficking.

Tobin said that the relationship with Crisis Mind Now has been progressing well, and that "we both look forward to

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What Goes On

Tuesday, September 27
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, September 28
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: TBD, Municipal Building

See the meetings calendar on page 5 or visit greenbeltdmd.gov for more information.

in good spirits: "on my way out with only good feelings."

Candidates for Position

There are now two candidates vying to be the District 2 representative on the board. District 2 includes Greenbelt, College Park, East Riverdale and New Carrollton, among other communities.

Greenbelter Jenni Pompi has been running against Thomas to represent District 2 since the spring. According to her website, Pompi is a former PTA president and advocate, a Prince George's County resident of over 25 years and has had children in District 2

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PHOTO COURTESY JONATHAN BRIGGS

Jonathan Briggs

board and how he wishes to use his time in the next four years. He emphasized, however, that the reasons behind his decision are all positive ones, and said he is

Major Repairs to City Pool May Require ARPA Readjustments

by Matthew Arbach

At the September 14 worksession, the Greenbelt City Council continued in its efforts to prioritize how the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will finally be spent.

An urgent new addition to the list was the needed infrastructure repairs to the city's outdoor pool, built in 1937. A recent inspection at the mechanics area, separate from the public area, revealed deteriorated concrete and rusting steel rebar. Repairs would need

to be done as soon as possible to enable the pool to reopen on Memorial Day. Public Works Director Willis Shafer estimated the cost of the repairs, which would include the use of an engineering firm for an assessment and quality control, at \$500,000. The bidding process would need to be fast-tracked to begin the project in time to allow the proper curing of the concrete during the colder

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Springhill Lake School Has Retained Key Staff Member

by Erica Johns

Springhill Lake Elementary (SHL) has retained Special Education Coordinator Chris Wichtendahl. The News Review reported in June 2022 on the challenge the school faced to retain Wichtendahl (Springhill Lake School at Risk of Losing a Key Staff Member, June 16 issue), as did the Washington Post (washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/06/29/maryland-teachers-fight-for-educator).

At the time, the Prince George's County Public School system was abolishing the special education coordinator position amid broader special education changes. SHL leadership hoped to reassign Wichtendahl as a second assistant principal, which was proving difficult. Teacher Philip McQuarrie wrote, "Her leaving at an unplanned time would do a drastic disservice to everyone

in the building, most of all, the students... [She] may be needed even more... to help assure that special education students receive all of the services they need...." He wrote that, as acting assistant principal, Wichtendahl manages teachers, behavior and logistics "from a wide-angle lens. She knows the students well, and talks and deals with them individually and with care... She ensures all populations are included in every discussion concerning our school, which truly conveys the excellence in equity part of our mission," he said.

As of production time, SHL staff had not answered multiple requests regarding the mechanics of Wichtendahl's retention. Details aside, McQuarrie and other SHL staff report satisfaction that Wichtendahl will continue serving the SHL community.

Blues Festival Gets People Moving



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

Couples dance during the Greenbelt Blues Festival in Roosevelt Center on September 17.

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schools more than 10 years.

On August 25, another Greenbelt resident, Jonathan Briggs, entered the race. Speaking with the News Review, Briggs said he has a background in politics, education policy and classroom education, having worked in Chicago and Kansas City public schools. Briggs described himself

as an acquaintance of Thomas, and he entered the race 10 days after Thomas withdrew.

In the coming weeks, the Greenbelt News Review will run profiles of these two candidates for the Board of Education and others running for local elections.



The trash accumulation between Building 6, Pinnacle Properties, and Building 8, Jane Realty, on Parkway is now the worst it has been recently. Here is the scene at 11 a.m., Tuesday, September 20.

Corrections

In the obituary about Veronica Hughes in the August 25 issue, her surviving brother, Joe "Mammy" Denice, was unintentionally omitted.

In the September 1 issue, the top photo in the review of *Twelve Angry Women* on page 9 was taken by Rachel Duda.

In the article titled *Conflicting Documents Result in Unacceptable Police Updates*, in the September 15 issue, the News Review is informed by Stan Zirkin, Public Safety Advisory Committee member, that "the article states that 'Document B had been officially signed by Mayor Emmett Jordan.' In fact, it was only a stamped signature, not an original. Jordan states that he neither affixed the stamp himself nor authorized anybody else to do so. At this point it is unknown who affixed the signature to this unauthorized document which conflicted in many respects with the resolutions actually passed by the council on January 10."



Happy Autumn

- M. Kusie



From left, Michael Travis, Lore Rosenthal and Kathy Bartolomeo attend the Mountain Valley Pipeline Rally at the Taft Memorial Carillon in D.C. on Thursday, September 8, to oppose natural gas pipelines.

- Photos by Laura Gubisch



On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Moonage Daydream

A cinematic odyssey, *Moonage Daydream* explores the late English singer-songwriter David Bowie's creative, spiritual and musical journey. From the visionary mind of Director/Producer/Writer Brett Morgen, the film features captivating, never-before-seen footage and performances spanning Bowie's 54-year career. The film includes 40 exclusively remastered Bowie songs and is the first film ever sanctioned by the Bowie Estate, with local access to the artist's archives. Stephanie Zacharek of *TIME* Magazine said, "Moonage Daydream captures [Bowie] as we'd like to remember him: dazzling, sensitive, full of questions – and in the end, as happy, probably, as a truly brilliant person can ever be."

See How They Run

In the West End of 1950s London, plans for a movie version of a smash-hit play come to an abrupt halt after a pivotal member of the crew is murdered. When world-weary Inspector Stoppard (Sam Rockwell) and eager rookie Constable Stalker (Saoirse Ronan) take on the case, the two find themselves thrown into a puzzling whodunit within the glamorously sordid theater underground, investigating the mysterious homicide at their own peril. "Since the movie is exceptionally well cast and stylishly filmed, I thought it was a hoot," said Nell Minow of *RogerEbert.com*.

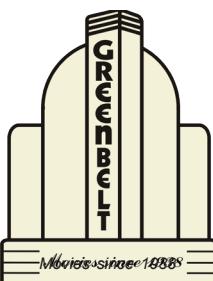
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SEPTEMBER 23RD – 26TH**

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**SCREEN 2 - The Screening
Room, CAPPED AT 30**

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(134 MINS)**

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SAT. 5:00 PM, 8:15 PM

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SUN. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:15 PM

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Community Events

Astronomical Society Monthly Meeting

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, in Room 114 of the Community Center, and virtually over Zoom. The Zoom link will be published on the calendar on the ASG website, greenbeltastro.org, shortly before the meeting. The speaker will be Selene Willis, who will speak on the topic of Getting Students Excited about Space. Willis has been a formal science educator for 15 years in public and independent middle and high schools. Most recently, she completed the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship at NASA, focusing on equity, inclusion and broadening participation of STEM education for Science Activation projects within NASA's Science Mission Directorate.

Food for Life Classes Will Run in October

By adopting a healthy plant-based diet, not only will you reduce your risk for breast cancer, but also other cancers, diabetes, heart disease and other chronic illness, including Covid-19. Come to these CHEARS-sponsored Food for Life classes and learn steps to take right now to reduce your cancer risk and improve survival! The first four classes in the series (held on October 11, 18, 20, 25) include information about how certain foods and nutrients can promote or discourage growth of cancers, including breast cancer. The final class (October 27) focuses specifically on foods relevant to breast cancer risk reduction and survival. The intended audience of this class series includes breast cancer survivors, their family and friends, as well as anyone who wants to learn to cook some healthy, delicious plant-based recipes. These classes are not intended for individuals currently going through active cancer treatment. Classes will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Schrom Hills and Springhill Lake. Go to the following website to register for any or all of the five classes: chears.org/publications/fulltext/NutritionClasses.pdf.

Artists in Residence Studio Open House

On Sunday, October 2 from 1 to 4 p.m., Greenbelt Community Center artist-in-residence studios as well as the ceramics and art classroom studios, and the Community Center gallery will be open to the public. Seventeen artists (artists in residence and other artists who participate in the arts program) will be sharing their work and demoing their techniques. Artists who participate in Art Share, a monthly meet-up for local artists, will also be exhibiting their work. Visit www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts for more information.

Seniors Host Open Forum Saturday

On Saturday, September 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Greenbelt's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will hold its annual Open Forum. Again this year, in deference to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, it will only be offered as a free virtual presentation on Zoom. Advance registration is required, at bitly.ws/u82S. Greenbelters of all ages are invited to share their concerns about issues in the community and get direct feedback from city officials, including members of the city council and representatives of certain city government agencies. Positive comments are also welcome and appreciated.

September Art Share

Greenbelt Recreation invites local artists to meet up with peers at the Community Center on Friday, September 23, from 7 to 8 p.m. for a constructive, informal discussion of everyone's work. Bring one to three pieces in any medium. All experience levels are welcome. It's free. Email Amanda Demos Larsen, visual arts coordinator, at alarsen@greenbeltdmd.gov for event information.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

At the Library

Greenbelt Library hours: Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In the case of inclement weather or other emergency, real-time updates to the library's schedule are posted on the Alerts page of the website at pgcmls.info/alerts.

Face masks are recommended for all customers and staff over the age of 2 at Prince George's County Memorial Library System buildings.

Bilingual Children's Music

Tuesday, September 27, 6:30 pm., babies to age 12 (young children/elementary). Sing, jump and dance with Mr. Lilo and his guitar. Enjoy original children's music and traditional songs in English and Spanish. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6937730.

Storytimes

Wednesday, September 28, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6930197.

Thursday, September 29, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/6930480.

Join in for stories, songs, fingerplays and more. All participants over age 2 must wear a mask. This event may be subject to change depending upon updated safety guidelines.

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, September 28, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18 (teen). Need to earn community service hours? Come make a difference in the community, gain friends from around the area and make your voice heard in the public library.

Rotary Club Sponsors World Peace Day

A World Peace Day benefit to raise funds for Ukrainians will be held in Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, September 24 from 1 to 5 p.m.

All are welcome at this free event. There will be food and beverages available. Limited parking is available at the park; more parking is available on Ivy Lane.

Golden Age Club Plans For the Coming Year

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club is meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. at the Community Center second floor meeting room. The club has now been meeting in person for many weeks and the board and members are making plans for the future. First, all Greenbelt seniors (60 and over) are invited to join. It's a great way to make and keep friends. The meetings are a combination of fun and information with bingo thrown in on the 4th Wednesday.

Most months, the meeting on the first Wednesday is a business meeting and a meet-and-greet. The second Wednesday involves a speaker or activity. The third Wednesday celebrates the month's birthdays and members will bring a bag lunch and share an easy dessert. The fourth Wednesday is bingo.

Although some board members are willing to continue to serve, the club is always seeking members to join the board. The Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for all positions: president, vice-president, treasurer, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Although not a board position, one or more people also are needed to assist with membership activities. To obtain more information on the duties or to indicate interest in being nominated, contact Suze Marley at jimnsuzem@aol.com.

Marley is also working on a list of speakers and activities for the year. Her plans are in process and if anyone has any speakers or activities in mind, contact her. She is planning an auction for the second Wednesday in November. It is a chance to donate never-used gifts for the benefit of the club. And a fun activity.

Members are encouraged to participate in the annual Open Forum hosted by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee on Saturday, September 24, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Share ideas and concerns directly with city officials and city council. The forum will be held only on Zoom and preregistration is required. To register, go to bitly.ws/u82S.

Greenbelt Artist Exhibits at Refuge

Greenbelt artist Amanda Spaid will exhibit her work in October at the John Hollingsworth Gallery, National Wildlife Visitor Center, Patuxent Research Refuge, 10902 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel. The Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays and is closed Sundays, Mondays and federal holidays.

Pompi to Hold Listening Session

Jenni Pompi, a candidate for Prince George's County School Board, will hold a Virtual Listening Session on Thursday, September 29, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. She will be joined by special guests Mayor Emmett Jordan, Mayor Patrick Wojahn of College Park and Ashanti Martinez of New Carrollton. The event is sponsored by Councilmember Ric Gordon. Register for the session at tinyurl.com/Jenni-Pompi-for-School-Board.

Astronomical Society Hosts Star Party

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, September 24, at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see Saturn, Jupiter, galaxies, nebulae and star clusters currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome, and visitors are encouraged to set up their own telescopes on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at 8 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Fourth Friday Board Games

Come join fellow gamers Friday, September 23, from 6:30(ish) to 9:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 114. This event is free and all are welcome. Sponsored by Greenbelt Unplugged.



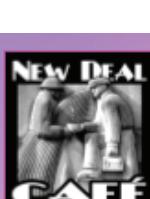
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Friday, 9/23, Fat Nave (DC indie rock roots), 8 - 11pm
Emcee: Mark Opsasnick (author "Rock the Potomac")

Saturday, 9/24, JAZZ JAM, 2 - 5pm:

The Wharf Rats (Grateful Dead and More!), 8 - 11pm

Sunday, 9/25, DEAF BRUNCH, Newbies Welcome!, 10:30am - 12noon;
Dovetail Joints (Eclectic mix, 60s to present), 6 - 8pm

Tuesday, 9/27, Early Bird Tunes Open Mic w/ Michael Cooney, 6:15 - 9pm

Wednesday, 9/28, Lynn Hollyfield, (Award-winning singer & guitarist), 7 - 9pm

Thursday, 9/29, Reggie Right Eye & the Missing Pieces (Blues, Roots Rock), 7 - 9pm

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Obituary

Barbara Ann Jones



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Barbara Ann Jones

Greenbelter Barbara Ann Jones died on August 24, 2022, at Doctors Community Hospital. She was born January 29, 1956, to

the late Enoch Jones Sr., and Cleo (Jeffries) Jones in Jefferson County, Alabama. She is preceded in death by brothers Ralph Jones and Melvin Jones. She leaves to honor her memory a sister, Marvine Jones, and a brother, Enoch Jones, Jr., her beloved step-daughter Syreeta Aidoo (Roger), and son Robert Akuoko (Latoria), step-grandchildren Mathew, Olivia, Sophia and Zackery DeSouza, and grandchildren Jordan and Carter Akuoko, and a host of family and friends.

A service and cremation were held at Maryland Crematory in Millersville on August 27. Her family asks friends and acquaintances to help honor her memory by visiting and subscribing to her most recent life's work: blacklibertyinstitute.com.



PHOTO BY BARBARA FORD

The organ recital was a rousing success. Paul Hardy (right), principal organist at the Cathedral of St. Matthew, made the church rafters ring with music on Tuesday, September 13, in celebration of St. Hugh's 75th anniversary. Hardy's talent allows the Rodgers Masterpiece Organ to show its true power. Jennifer Goltz (left), St. Hugh's Director of Music Ministry, organized the recital.


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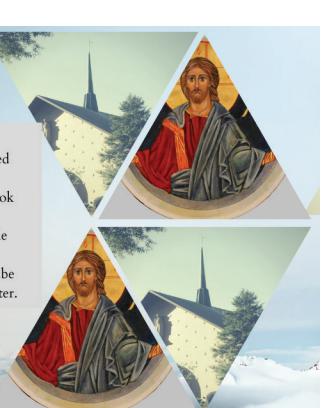
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PHOTO BY IAN BLACKWELL

Greenbelter Melissa Sites accepts an award from College Park Mayor Patrick Wojahn on September 14. Sites runs the College Park Arts Exchange which participated in the College Park Fourth of July parade.



Condolences to the family and friends of Barbara Ann Jones who died on August 24. She had been actively involved with the Black Liberty Institute.

Congratulations to Eleanor Roosevelt High School students Mizan Mussie Abraha and Benjamin A. Ruby who were announced as semifinalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Congratulations to News Review staffer Melissa Sites who received an award from the City of College Park.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Greenbelt Plogs Seeks Litter Picker-Uppers

What is "plogging"? Plogging is a wacky way of saying "pick up litter while you jog or walk." Plogging was coined by Swedish outdoorsman and environmentalist, Erik Ahlstrom. Plogging comes from plocka, the Swedish word for pick up. Plogging is an exercise that helps the environment while taking care of one's health.

Greenbelt Plogs, a RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) initiative, is a fun and engaging way for Greenbelt residents to take action and help prevent stormwater pollution by cleaning up litter from the streets, streams, stormwater ponds, etc. Greenbelt Plogs will encourage people to make picking up litter a habit.

To help make Greenbelt sparkle, join Greenbelt Plogs, by contacting Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.



Cookies at the Bridge Seeking Volunteers

Looking for something fun and worthwhile to do? Consider Cookies at the Bridge. The group meets weekdays from 3:15 to 4 p.m. to offer cookies to students coming home from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The goal is to ensure the safety of the students as they make their way home. If interested, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) at spreadruak@gmail.com or 301-345-8755

and leave a message or ask questions.

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City Notes

The Street Maintenance/Special Details team delivered risers to Roosevelt Center for the Blues Festival. Refuse/Recycling collected 24.78 tons of refuse and 9.53 tons of recyclables. Building Maintenance installed a baby station at the pool and Fleet Maintenance readied leaf vacuum equipment.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center began after-school programming, including meals. The Community Center hosted GAIL's Produce/Diaper Distribution, and provided space to Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Mamas & Papas, Writers Group and Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center staff conducted community First Aid/CPR/AED training and hosted the Swim Team's Open House.

Fall arts classes began, including a fused glass workshop. Therapeutic Recreation facilitated Golden Age activities, delivered senior meals and supported a Red Cross Blood Drive.

Rangers patrolled as preschool art programming began at Schrom Hills pavilion. CARES's Deji Ayoku recruited volunteers at a University of Maryland community service fair, and Green Ridge House's Vaccine Clinic served 38 residents.

Adult ESL Classes In College Park

Greenbelt residents who would like to improve their English language skills are invited to register for Tuesday ESL (English as a Second Language) classes beginning Tuesday, September 27, at the Community Library located in the Church of the Nazarene, 9704 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park. The morning class is at 9:30 a.m. and the evening class is at 7 p.m. There is a per-family fee that covers the purchase of the textbook.

The classes are at the beginner to intermediate level and taught by Greenbelt resident Nancy Joy Allchin. To register, send names and phone numbers by text or email to the instructor at 301-801-2071 or NJallchin@gmail.com.

HUG WALK Joins WALKTOBER

Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) is again organizing the annual HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness) to be held on Sunday, October 9, rain or shine. This year the City of Greenbelt and RUAK will be partnering with the State of Maryland in promoting health and wellness during WALKTOBER.

The HUG WALK route is as follows: 1 p.m., gather at the Indian Creek Trail bridge at Greenbelt Station; 1:30 p.m., walk sets off; 2 p.m., walk continues from Springhill Lake Recreation Center; 2:30 p.m., join the walk at Buddy Attick Park; 3 p.m., join the walk at Roosevelt Center; 3:30 p.m., join the walk at Greenbriar Community Center; 4 p.m., join the walk at Windsor Green Community Center; 4:30 p.m., walk concludes at Schrom Hills Park.

For further information, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com or 301-345-8755.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order

Roll Call

Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Petitions and Requests

Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Cooperative Month Proclamation
- Space Study Recommendations
- * Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

* Committee Reports

LEGISLATION**OTHER BUSINESS**

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA Fund) Spending Plan
- FY 2023-2028 Draft Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- * Council Rules
- * Council Work Plan
- * Revised City Logo Policy

MEETINGS

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 26-30

Monday, September 26, **REGULAR MEETING MOVED TO TUESDAY**

Wednesday, September 28 at 7:30, **WORK SESSION - TBD**

Thursday, September 29 at 5:30 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, On the Agenda: Discussion: Last Year's Election, Early Voting, Mail-In Voting, Review of Vendor Services; Choice of New Vendor, Report by Beth Terry, Schedule for Choosing, Budgeting, Contracting with New Vendor, Question: Council Reports; Other Business

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FREE FLU & COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

October 4, 10 am - 12 pm

Greenbelt Community Center (Ground Floor East)
15 Crescent Road



October 6, 12 - 7 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center (Gymnasium)
6101 Cherrywood Lane

To register visit <http://ow.ly/PrxM50KOxj1> OR visit www.marylandvax.org and follow the following steps:

- Click "Find the flu clinic" or "Flu Clinic" at the top of page
- Find "Search by Name or Location" and enter preferred location
- Complete the application and bring your COVID-19 vaccine card

FAMILY FUN AT SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Sundays from September 18 - December 11

Families are invited to enjoy group games and drop-in gym time every Sunday afternoon this fall. Complimentary recreation equipment is available on site. Facility ID is required for participation. Contact Brian Butler at (240) 542-2213.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Reparations Commission
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

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GREENBELT RECREATION'S 2022 FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

Visit www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation/ to view and register.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IN HISTORIC GREENBELT

Check out Greenbelt Recreation's pre-school program Greenbelt Littles Preschool (formerly Mom's Morning Out). Greenbelt Littles Preschool is a licensed traditional preschool program that focuses on social development, fine and gross motor skills, listening, and following instructions. Greenbelt Littles has a heavy emphasis on learning in a fun way!

We offer our program Monday through Friday at the Youth Center. Financial aid is available for eligible Greenbelt residents. Registration for fall is now open.

For more information, please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation or give us a call at (301) 397-2200.

Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 9/12/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
336 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,626,259.81

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
15 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$51,421.51

ANNUAL OPEN FORUM

Saturday, September 24, 1 - 2:30 pm

Hosted by Greenbelt's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

Join us and share what you like about living in Greenbelt, challenges in Greenbelt, and listen & hear one another. Virtual on Zoom.

Register at bitly.ws/u82S

GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

This **FREE PROGRAM** is available to families living in the city limits of Greenbelt, newborn to 2 years old, children who wear pull-ups.

Call Katherine Farzin at (240) 542-2019 or kfarzin@greenbeltdmd.gov

UPCOMING RECYCLING AND WASTE EVENTS

Hazardous Waste or Electronics - BELTSVILLE

September 24, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Greenbelt Shredding - October 15, 9 am - 12 pm

Greenbelt Electronics & Recycling - October 22, 9 am - 12 pm

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER IS SEEKING NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

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FREE COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

The City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) in partnership with Bowie State & Washington Adventist University Schools of Nursing are proud to resume offering this program to Greenbelt seniors age 60+ or disabled adults 50+ residing within incorporated City limits.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3OBoe19>

BUDDY ATTICK PARKING LOT CLOSURE

Please be advised that Buddy Attick Park parking lot and Recycling Center will be closed to pedestrians and motorists on Thursday, 9/29 and Friday, 9/30.

GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER IS HIRING

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- Water Safety Instructors
- Swim Instructors

Contact: Cbrown@GreenbeltMD.Gov or (301) 397-2204

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

SEPTEMBER 24

10 AM - 1 PM

SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER

Join Public Works and CHEARS for a conservation stewardship event in recognition of National Public Lands Day. Volunteers are needed to remove invasive plant species and perform general maintenance in the CHEARS food forest at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Register by email at kdriscoll@greenbeltdmd.gov

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Protect yourself and your home from mosquitoes this summer. Visit <https://bit.ly/3yXpMwD> for tips on mosquito control and preventing West Nile Virus.



Yard Waste Removal and Chipper Rules

Branches 2 to 6 inches in diameter can be chipped! Stack branches on the curb with ends facing in the same direction and then call (301) 474-8004 to schedule a chipper collection! Help get rid of all of your unwanted debris from all of our recent storms.

Visit <https://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/public-works/trash-recycling/yard-waste>

Motiva Apartments Now Open Next to Federal Courthouse

by Stephanie Elizabeth Quinn

Mayor Emmett Jordan, members of the Greenbelt City Council and representatives of the NRP Group unveiled Motiva, an upscale apartment complex within a mile of Greenbelt Metro station, on Tuesday, September 13.

Jordan and Josh Wooldridge, senior vice president for development of the Cleveland, Ohio-based real estate developer, praised the new complex for combining transit connectivity and all-inclusive convenience.

Motiva features 354 studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments and a clubhouse, and is located on Cherrywood Lane near the federal district courthouse, the Metro station and Capital Office Park. Wooldridge said between 80 and 85 percent of the apartments have been leased.

Jordan said Motiva carries forward Greenbelt's founding principles as a planned community. He said several years of negotiations between council and NRP have yielded "a sense of community and neighborhood" that, along with the apartments' proximity to transit, will attract employees of Goddard Space Flight Center and the University of Maryland and residents from throughout Greenbelt.

"It's just really, really gratifying to see that they've been so thoughtful in what they've built,

Food Collection Dates

Greenbelt PORCH is continuing its program to collect food as scheduled below:

Saturday, September 24: by 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, September 25: by 4 p.m. for 9 and 12 Courts Ridge and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge; by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Those in neighborhoods with no monthly food drive can help through P.A.L. The next P.A.L. collection date will be in October.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are always welcome. Particularly sought are coordinators in Greenbelt East. For more information or to become a volunteer, contact Goldberg-Strassler.

Greenbelt Farmers Market



Sundays 10a - 2p
Southway and Centerway

GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org



Mayor Emmett Jordan attends the opening of the Motiva Apartments.

Foundation to Hold Fall Grant Application Zoom Workshop

by Kevin W. Parker

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) fall grant cycle deadline is Saturday, October 15. In anticipation of that, the foundation is holding a grant workshop Wednesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Participants will learn what the GCF needs and expects in a grant application and get advice on how best to assemble one. Details about access will be posted on their website at greenbeltfoundation.org.

Anyone wishing to submit a grant is strongly encouraged to tune in. GCF had to turn down two grant submissions from the spring 2022 cycle, not because they were unworthy, but because they did not provide sufficient information for the board to make an informed decision.

In order to prevent this from happening again, applicants are encouraged to work with GCF representatives to ensure their submission meets requirements. To do this, contact Ellen Cart-

er and Stephanie Calhoun at greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com.

GCF seeks to support a thriving, engaged community that is socially responsible, environmentally conscious, supportive of education and the arts and sciences. GCF does this by helping to fund community projects that serve Greenbelt citizens while building upon the ideals of collaboration, cooperation and engagement through the generous participation of individuals and organizations. GCF grant amounts are based on the application but can range from a few hundred dollars up to a maximum of \$5,000.

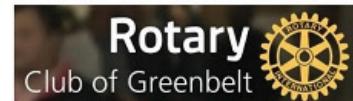
For more information or to make a donation, visit the website at greenbeltfoundation.org.

Kevin W. Parker is chair of the Greenbelt Community Foundation communications committee.

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ERHS Students Attend Third Annual Youth Congress Day

Students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School traveled to Goucher College on September 8 to attend the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education's (MBRT) third annual Youth Congress Day. They were among more than 100 students invited from high schools across Maryland to learn about voting and the legislative process and to advocate for policy changes on issues that matter to them. Students from Baltimore City and Allegany, Caroline, Dorchester, Howard, Kent, Prince George's and Wicomico Counties participated.

Youth Congress Day kicked off by teaching students about voting using a curriculum from Rock the Vote, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to building the political power of young people. Participants focused on dispelling common voting myths, understanding the effects of voter misinformation and learning how to register to vote. Eligible students were also able to register on site.

Following the focus on voting, a representative from the Maryland Visitors Bureau led students on a virtual tour of the Maryland State Capitol building, which is currently under renovation.



Students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School travel to Goucher College to attend the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education's third annual Youth Congress Day.

tion, and provided an overview of the legislative process. Students also learned how to get involved through the student page program, internships and scholarships.

The day continued with discussions on policy topics of interest led by MBRT's student ambassadors. Issues included representation of women and minorities in STEM, changing the voting age to 16, mental health and the cost of and access to higher education. Later that afternoon, students presented their position on each issue in front of Maryland employers, educators, elected officials and those running for office. "It was so important to come to Youth Congress Day this year to spread the voices of the

voiceless," said Jehan Idsassi, a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and MBRT student ambassador.

The Maryland Business Roundtable for Education is a nonprofit coalition of leading employers that have made a long-term commitment to support education reform and improve student achievement in Maryland. The group is a catalyst for business, government and education to drive high student achievement to ensure a competitive future workforce for a world-class economy. Learn more about MBRT at mbrt.org.

— The information in this article is drawn from a press release from Goucher College.

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Tugwell Collection Will Stay Mostly in Place and Intact

by Deanna Dawson

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) will continue to maintain the Tugwell Collection at the Greenbelt Library, according to Blane Halliday, director for collection strategies for PGCMLS. The Tugwell Collection contains many resources on Greenbelt's development and history as well as books and other materials on city and urban planning, sociology, architecture, the New Deal era and consumer cooperatives (pgcmls.info/tugwell-room).

Some changes are being made, however. The Tugwell Collection's microfilm and microfilm reader have been moved to the Prince George's Room of the Hyattsville Branch Library, which reopened this past spring in a brand-new building. Because microfilm can deteriorate and the format is becoming obsolete, PGCMLS wants to digitize the microfilm records and make them available to the public online. According to Halliday, PGCMLS currently is working with the Maryland State Archives to digitize seven rolls of microfilm related to Greenbelt Homes, Inc., and hopes to post the content on the library website by mid-2023. Halliday, who served previously as chief of materials management for PGCMLS and as manager of north area libraries (Bowie, Laurel, Greenbelt and Beltsville branches), is not aware of any records of Greenbelt's prehistory – specifically, on indigenous or enslaved people who may have lived in this area – in the microfilm that has been relocated,



Greenbelt Library's Tugwell Room

a concern expressed by some Greenbelt residents.

And, sadly, the Tugwell Collection's holdings of the Greenbelt Cooperator and Greenbelt News Review will be disposed of. Now that the News

Review has completed its digital archive (greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives), PGCMLS feels that their set of these newspapers is redundant and wants to remove both the microfilm and physical copies of past issues from the Tugwell Collection in order to better utilize the space in the Tugwell Room. A link to the digital archive has been added to the Tugwell Room webpage (see above). Halliday said that the newspapers have been offered to the Greenbelt Museum but the museum doesn't have the space to house them, having received a near-complete set when the News Review's holdings of newsprint originals were pared down last year. A News Review staffer will peruse the Tugwell Collection newspapers soon to see if any issues are in better condition than those in the News Review holdings and can replace them.

Public Notice

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes the colocating of new wireless communications antennas and associated equipment, at a top height of 114-ft on an existing building rooftop at the approx. vicinity of: 8150 Lakecrest Drive, Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Maryland 20770. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: *Trileaf Corp*,

Jessica Cilento, j.cilento@trileaf.com; 407-660-7840 1051 Winderley Place, Suite 201, Maitland, Florida 32751.

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months. Shafer hopes to begin the project by December. He said that ARPA funds are eligible for this effort. Council and staff were clear on the project's urgency, as the pool is a key recreational facility.

Mayor Emmett Jordan suggested creating a tree canopy replacement fund, in order to address the large number of trees that were downed by recent storms. His concept was that the city's homeowner associations, condo associations and apartment complexes would pull from this fund. The amount suggested was \$100,000. Councilmember Rodney Roberts was skeptical that an adequate number of trees (which should be in the thousands) could be provided at this amount, preferring to rely on natural growth and feeling that apartment complexes have plenty of resources to address this themselves. Most of council was amenable to the fund, with Shafer saying that some sort of an arrangement with a tree-planting firm could be negotiated at a reduced price.

ARPA funds to the upcoming reparations committee were proposed, but it was decided to table it until the next city budget session as their possible expenses are still a long way away.

Four items having to do with bike and pedestrian improvements, bus stop accessibility and street, sidewalks, curb, gutter and Americans with Disabilities Act improvements were joined under a single umbrella, as they are all related to one another.

\$850,000 for HVAC improvements to the Youth Center and the Community Center (specifically to areas in the lower level which were not addressed in improvements done eight years ago) was deemed a necessity. Shafer explained that air purification would be an element to any quality HVAC system.

\$500,000 was suggested for healthcare vouchers to go to residents in need. Jordan expressed that it would serve low-income residents (this distinction would need to be defined) and those who often have to pay co-pays and deductibles. Roberts was concerned about the city's ability to make significant and lasting im-

pact in this area with these funds. Jordan and Councilmember Ric Gordon saw this as only a temporary measure, with grants being a possible way to continue it.

Some of the items on the working list were deemed to be more like goals than specific projects to be funded, such as addressing aging and green infrastructure.

Addressing the city's ballfields, at \$2,350,000, was debated. Recreation Director Greg Varda said that the main issue is field management, as any upgrades could be negated in a short period of time from overuse. Jordan asked for specific costs for each of the city's field improvements.

Interim City Manager Timothy George said that the city's space study is in its final draft and after a review by staff will be presented at the Monday, September 26, council meeting.

An \$80,000 study focused on providing a citywide broadband upgrade was discussed. While considered a useful assessment, IT Director Dale Worley and council said that broadband is not something many jurisdictions are pursuing and that upcoming technology will potentially render it obsolete. Wireless service is proving to be the current trend.

\$100,000 was suggested for improvements to outdoor amenities at the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center (SLRC). According to Varda, improvements to the basketball court and a possible pavilion at SLRC would require a detailed assessment of the area as to how these would be situated.

George said the city's website will soon include a comprehensive listing of all ARPA expenditures, proposals and costs that residents can view.

While it was pointed out that the city does not have a significant number of homeless, council advised seeking advice from Greenbelt CARES as to how to best fund assistance to these residents.

Both Roberts and resident Bill Orleans emphasized that ARPA

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Council Zips through Long Agenda in a Short Meeting

by Deb Daniel

On September 12, the Greenbelt City Council considered issues facing city staff, including zoning, planning and network security. Council approved a contract for Baker Tilly US LLP to search for candidates for the city manager position. The Gateway Signage contract was reconsidered and approved. The Reparations Commission has 34 applicants as of August 31.

County Issues

Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hraby presented two letters with recommendations which will go to Prince George's County Council for their planning documents. Council approved the letters as part of the consent agenda. The first letter concerns the county Master Plan of Transportation 2035 and asks for support of a multi-use trail from Eleanor Roosevelt High School to Goddard Space Flight Center and beyond. The second letter concerns recent county zoning bills (CB-69, CB-77, CB-78, CB-91, CB-92), which are under review by the county council. CB-91 requires a super-majority vote for zoning text amendments which Hraby supported. Prince George's County Councilmember Mel Franklin pulled CB-91 on September 15. Mayor Emmett Jordan objected to the tight timing of these bills after so much effort had already gone into the final county zoning ordinance.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked to add CB-67 to the list of zoning bills. CB-67 involves electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Hraby will address this bill with Prince George's County Councilmember Todd Turner, as EV charging stations that meet all planned safety requirements will be cost prohibitive.

Davis also noted that Pepco was negotiating the purchase of streetlights and hoped that Pepco will not mandate the city purchase of these streetlights. Interim City Manager Timothy George assured Davis that he was aware the issue was moving fast and staff would be following the Pepco communications.

Network Security

Dale Worley, director of information technology, discussed obtaining a contract for checking the security of the city's network, testing all software accessed from inside and outside the network. Some vendors will give a free assessment but they may bias their assessment toward their security product. Worley wanted only a thorough assessment that would identify specific actions the city should take. Worley recommended a contract with CyberCX for \$14,900. Councilmember Kristen Weaver asked what the timetable would be for completing this endeavor and Worley estimated two weeks. Weaver then asked about clicking on links which download harmful software (phishing). Worley replied that CyberCX will not include phishing links but the IT department has already purchased software that will check for those links. Jordan asked if the CyberCX contract will include the phone and alarm systems and Worley replied that the phones are part of the network but the alarms are not. Councilmember

Silke Pope, who has been advocating for a security checkup for a long while, moved that the CyberCX contract for \$14,900 be awarded. The motion passed unanimously.

Gateway Signage

Councilmember Ric Gordon requested revisiting the contract to purchase the stone Gateway signage from Jopal Construction, Inc. for \$39,000 because the funding is available now. Councilmember Rodney Roberts thinks that staff could do signage well in-house and the grant money could go for other projects. Weaver mentioned that Public Works will be doing parts of this project but that the contract is for specialty work that staff cannot do. Jordan said the signage is indeed lovely but quite expensive. Council approved the contract for \$39,000 (5-2) with Roberts and Jordan voting no.

Reparations Commission

The August 31 application deadline has passed and there are 34 applicants for the Reparations Commission. A general discussion ensued regarding the interview process and the scheduling of interviews. George said that he will let each applicant know that their application is received and they can sign up for an interview slot. He envisions doing eight to 10 interviews per night and applicants can sign up for their interview slot as their schedule permits. Interviewing all applicants may take two to three months.

City Manager Search

Director of Human Resources Dawane Martinez talked about the four search firms he has considered for the city manager opening. He recommended Baker Tilly US LLP as they have a working relationship with the city, they were involved in the search for the city police chief and they are below the budgeted cost in their bid of \$26,950. Weaver noted that she had reviewed the contracts and Baker Tilly US LLP was particularly good. Roberts wanted to use a firm other than a firm already involved with the city. Davis moved that the city use Baker Tilly US LLP to take on the search of city manager for \$26,950. Councilmember Colin Byrd suggested postponement. Martinez noted that postponement might cause the city to lose the proposed vendors. The motion made by Davis to accept Baker Tilly US LLP's proposal for \$26,950 passed 5-2 with nays from Roberts and Byrd.

Small Purchases

Each year the city does business with vendors where the individual purchase is less than \$10,000 but the total purchases for the fiscal year may exceed

\$10,000. Obtaining bid proposals by staff for these lesser amounts is not warranted. The vendor may be the sole source of the goods or have the same price available to Greenbelt through cooperative purchasing programs. This legislation authorizes negotiated purchases for these small purchases. City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon presented the list of suppliers of negotiated vendors for purchases under \$10,000. Council unanimously approved the legislation for negotiated purchases on small purchases.

Kevin Simpson

George reported that staff is busy filling vacancies and processing payouts from ARPA funding that council has approved. Staff has also redesigned the economic development website and welcomes any comments from the public to improve the site (greenbeltdmd.gov/government/departments/economic-development). He introduced Kevin Simpson as the new economic development manager. Simpson has been in the Greenbelt area for many years and is highly trained.

Proclamation

Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll, city environmental coordinator, accepted the National Public Lands Day Proclamation of September 24 and talked about the volunteer event that will take place in the CHEARS Food Forest at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturday, September 24.

Petition

Shaymar Higgs, executive director of The SPACE Free Art For All, described the last four years that The SPACE has been sending supplies out to underserved communities in Greenbelt with needs for recreation and creative opportunities. He petitioned for city funding and Roberts suggested looking at city Contribution Groups for funding and city Recognition Groups for services.



How to Help Ukraine

The City of Greenbelt has posted on its website a list of charities that support the people of Ukraine as they fight against Russian invaders. The city identifies 13 groups that are doing work in Ukraine including the well-known Doctors Without Borders as well as the lesser-known GoFundMe projects aimed at keeping journalists going. The list can be viewed under News on greenbeltdmd.gov. The source of the list is the Washington Post.

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funds should mostly be used for "people projects," like rental and eviction assistance and not construction projects. Councilmember Judith Davis countered that infrastructure is a people project, as it enhances quality of life.

\$100,000 was put forth for programs that would bring more business to the city and encourage residents to shop at local retailers and dine at local restaurants. This might take the form of mailers, social media ads or videos. Resident Michael Hartman stressed that the three major business centers in the city, these being Greenway Center, Belway Plaza and Roosevelt Center, would benefit from this approach.

The installation of solar charging stations for mobile devices at city parks was deemed useful, with the cost of \$75,000.

Worley said that the goal of IT is to create an integrated, city-wide system of CCTV and alarm systems. \$1M was put forth, with Shafer noting that currently the Youth Center, Community Center, the Aquatic & Fitness Center and SLRC require these upgrades.

Varda said that the Buddy Atick Park Master Plan has been funded and a request for proposals is in the works.

Various ideas and cost amounts using ARPA were debated including increasing public art in the city, with approaches like cash-prize competitions, mini-grants and commissions.

Roberts cautioned that the rough estimates for the many projects proposed will likely go over budget, potentially leading to funding problems over time.

Jordan responded that the city will be vigilant in monitoring expenditures, acknowledging Roberts's fears. He stressed though that "this is a one-time opportunity" and there was a "need to think broadly" in order to make these funds benefit as many residents and concerns as possible. He said that the outpouring of input from all quarters has "been really inspiring. The ARPA issues will come up for a vote as soon as September 27, according to Jordan."

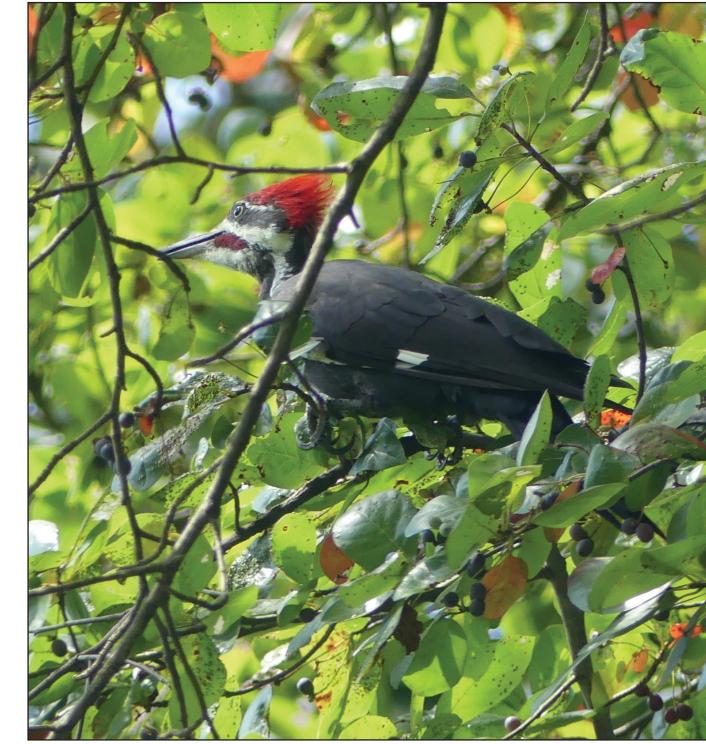


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A Pileated Woodpecker in a tree by the Lake



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Robbery

On September 15 at 1:08 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a victim was robbed by a husky Hispanic man wearing black clothing and a black face mask. The suspect pointed a black handgun at the victim and said "give me your money" in Spanish. The victim complied and the suspect left on foot.

Stolen Vehicle

On September 18 at 4:17 a.m. near 7700 Greenbelt Road, officers found a vehicle crashed into a light pole in a parking lot, and the vehicle was still warm to the touch. Shortly afterward, the owner called into the station to report the vehicle as stolen. The owner stated they had the only key to the vehicle. There was no damage to the ignition.

Assault

On September 14 at 12:23 a.m. near Westway and Lakeside Drive, a disagreement led to one person being physically assaulted by the other.

Arrests

On September 14 at 4:49 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, an intoxicated man was arrested after refusing to leave a business and causing a disturbance.

On September 17 at 10:46 a.m. near Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road, officers stopped a man with open warrants after his vehicle ran a red light. While they were trying to take the driver into custody, he fled. Charges were filed.

DUI Arrests

September 14 at 12:02 a.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Ivy Lane; September 17 at 9:17 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane; and September 18 at 5:14 p.m. near 5500 Cherrywood Lane.

Rescue

On September 15 at 2:08 p.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, officers provided life-saving measures on an adult female until paramedics could arrive and take over.

Fraud

On September 14 at 9:39 a.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, fraudulent activity on business bank accounts. Identity theft, September 13 near 7800 Jacobs Drive, and September 14 near 6000 Greenbelt Road. Check fraud September 14 near 6000 Springhill Drive, and September 18 near 7800 Cloister Place.

Theft

On September 14 at 3:45 p.m. near 7500 Mandan Road, money orders were stolen from a drop-

box. On September 16 near 7400 Morrison Drive, keys were taken from a porch. On September 18 at 5:47 p.m. near 9200 Springhill Lane, a child's personal property was taken by another child.

Commercial thefts occurred near 6000 Greenbelt Road on September 14 at 2:18 p.m. and September 16 at 8:15 a.m., and near 7500 Greenbelt Road, on September 15 at 10:02 a.m. and September 16 at 6:53 p.m.

Theft from Auto

Catalytic converters were stolen on September 15 from a 2003 GMC Yukon and a 2004 Toyota Sequoia near 6000 Springhill Drive; a 2017 Ford F-150 near 5800 Cherrywood Lane; and September 17 from a 2015 Ford F-250 near 6000 Springhill Drive, and a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado near 9000 Breezewood Terrace.

Steering wheel airbags were stolen from Hondas on September 16 from a 2012 Odyssey, a 2014 Accord and a 2016 Accord near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace; and from a 2013 Civic near 6100 Breezewood Court; on September 17 from 2021 HRV near 9100 Edmonston Terrace; on September 18 from a 2017 Accord (plus personal property stolen) and a 2016 Accord near 6100 Breezewood Drive.

On September 15 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a vehicle window was broken and property taken.

Threats

On September 16 at 11:30 a.m. near 8300 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a victim received threats via social media.

Trespassing

On September 14 at 9:28 a.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a man was arrested for trespassing in a vacant apartment.

Vandalism

On September 10 around midnight, near Ridge Road, gunshots were heard; officers responded but did not locate any evidence. On September 12, an individual observed multiple bullet holes in a garage door. No injuries were reported.

On September 15 near Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive, a vehicle's tire was damaged with a sharp object. On September 17 at 3:47 a.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, two glass beer bottles were thrown through a front bedroom window. On September 17 at 4:16 p.m. near Hillside Road, a car was spray-painted.

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INTERVENTION

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collaborating as needed and building a working relationship."

Councilmember Judith Davis said that there had been some negative responses to the CIT program on FaceBook, specifically on the Greenbelt Citizens for Public Safety group page. The criticisms centered on the program's financial necessity and the possible danger to the team. Davis said that the GPD may need to do further outreach to residents to allay any fears and assure them of the program's many benefits.

Yet, the entirety of council acknowledged that the overwhelming majority of responses have been positive, with Councilmember Ric Gordon saying that "many are rooting for you." Mayor Emmett Jordan said that there may be bumps in the road as the city works out the logistics. Councilmember Silke Pope added that it is likely that "the negative will turn to positive" as time goes by.

Bowers asserted that as many officers as possible undergo 40 hours of crisis intervention training, provided by the county.

Fire Displaces Some Franklin Park Residents

At approximately 5:15 p.m. on Monday, September 19, officers responded to the 9100 block of Springhill Lane for reports of a fire. Five townhomes were damaged and the residents were moved to temporary housing. No injuries were reported.

Fire Department Hosts Bull and Crab Feast

Advance tickets are strongly suggested for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department's annual, always-sold-out bull roast and crab feast on Saturday, October 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. On the menu are crab soup, corn on the cob, cole slaw, hot dogs, baked beans, steamed crabs and pit beef, the best in the area they claim, served with all the trimmings.

Games and raffles are always a part of this, the Fire Department's biggest fundraiser of the year. For online tickets, go to engine35.com and then click on the highlighted "Tickets are available at engine35.square.site" at the bottom of the page. Bring family and friends for a fun time, great food – all-you-can-eat on the premises – and support the Fire Department.



Classes are in demand and fill up quickly, yet GPD tries to get at least three to four officers in at each of the year's handful of sessions.

Bowers and council related their pride as Greenbelt is the only county municipality to have a CIT. The city was also the first to have a school resource officer – at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Considering the overall success so far of the program, Bowers said that the department is now looking to acquire an additional counselor, hopefully before the end of the year. Bowers advised that even though this would be a significant financial cost, its impact to the city over the long term would be worth it. This would enable the city to handle even more calls for service without need of the county team.

"Whenever resources are added, it results in better outcomes," said Tobin. "It appears that agencies are creating similar teams daily and anytime you can give resources to the community is going to empower them."

Shooting Reported

On Thursday, September 15, at approximately 10:15 a.m., officers responded to a report of a shooting in the 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace. Officers located one adult male who was transported to an area hospital with injuries consistent with a gunshot wound. The suspect is described as an adult tall, slim, Black male wearing a white T-shirt and black pants. At this time, it appears this is an isolated incident, and there is no current threat to the public.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

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ParkFinder is an interactive map tool developed to help users find local parks, community centers, museums, art centers, pools and more. Users can search facilities based on name, amenity types and ADA-compliant features. This tool will be continuously evaluated and enhanced with new search features. User feedback is welcome at pgwebmaster@pgparks.com.

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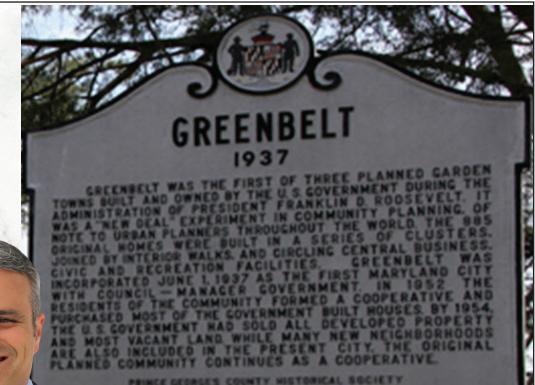


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Sports

As Summer Flips to Fall, ERHS Soccer Girls Win and Boys Trail

by Patrick Gleason

With the fleeting September sunset as a backdrop, the Eleanor Roosevelt girls soccer teams basked in their twin 6-0 victories over High Point High School on September 15. Both teams proved resilient after season opening losses earlier in the week. The junior varsity started a triumphant evening with first half goals from Cora Moore and Sharick Velasquez Garcia – on a precise assist played through the box from midfielder Alyssa Casey – before an offensive eruption in the second half led by freshman Madison Walker's two goals. Olivia Gills and Azaria Muhammad also joined the scoring fun. Memories of their hard fought 1-0 loss to Georgetown Day School appeared as fleeting as the summer sun in the final week before the fall equinox.

Likewise, the varsity moved on from a 4-1 defeat to Bishop McNamara with an impressive opening goal from Senior Captain Sarai DeSouza. After winning a corner kick, the midfielder curled a left-footed shot from the corner of the box that found side netting, capitalizing on the junior varsity momentum. Goals followed from Julia Beckmann, Gabriella Martinez, Azinwi McKinney and Sadie Swart. But Martinez and DeSouza teamed up for the evening's most spectacular score, Martinez's second tally of the game. Freshman Autumn Freeman sent a hard pass toward the goal; without an angle to score, DeSouza allowed the pass through her legs, leaving Marti-



Goalkeeper Nikki Lilja and fullback Maureen Morgan contribute to the junior varsity squad backline.

nez to one-touch the pass home. Senior Goalkeeper Mia Hamilton maintained a clean sheet as JV now looks forward to hosting College Park Academy on Thursday, September 22 at 4:30 p.m., while varsity will face DuVal at 6 p.m. Both teams travel to Oakland Mills on Friday, September 23 – the first two days of fall fittingly filled with soccer.

Boys Take a Hit

After impressive tournament victories over Arundel and Leonardtown on September 10,

the boys squad dropped games against High Point and Bishop McNamara last week. Afterward captain Karl Kraske remained confident that the team can fine-tune its game to overcome the mistakes. With seniors Johnny Sesay and Osenose Ibhaqui proving to be reliable scoring threats so far this season, the Raiders expect to turn a new leaf as the calendar flips to fall.

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Soulified Village entertains Greenbelt during the Blues Festival.

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Greenbelt's Blues Festival filled Roosevelt Center on Saturday, September 17.

Greenbelt Gets Kennel Club Pet Disaster Relief Trailer

by Laura Kressler

The City of Greenbelt now has an American Kennel Club (AKC) Pet Disaster Relief trailer. The trailer was delivered to the city for use by the Greenbelt Community Animal Response Team (GCART) on June 7 and was displayed at the Labor Day Festival. GCART is a city volunteer team that is trained to provide the Greenbelt community with animal-related emergency response during disasters and local emergencies. The trailer arrived with all the equipment and supplies necessary to set up an emergency animal shelter in the aftermath of emergencies or natural disasters.

The AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer helps to create a safe, temporary emergency shelter for at least 65 pets for 72 hours after an emergency or a disaster is declared. The trailer houses and delivers essential animal care items, including crates and carriers, AKC Reunite microchips and an AKC Reunite universal microchip scanner, bowls, collars and leashes as well as fans, lighting and generators, cleaning supplies and maintenance items. Once the shelter is operational, the empty trailer can be used as an office, using a generator or electricity as its power source.

To start the process for an AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer, GCART needed an AKC sponsor. The Hyattsville Dog Training

Club agreed to be the sponsor, in addition to initiating and being an active partner throughout the fundraising process. Two other AKC Clubs made large donations to the fundraising effort, the Maryland Kennel Club and the Northeastern Kennel Club.

"We are thankful to the donating AKC clubs to help make this trailer possible in our nation's capital area," said Tom Sharp, president and CEO of AKC Reunite. "From tornadoes to floods to apartment fires, anything can happen, and now the Greenbelt Community Animal Response Team will have the equipment they need to respond for the people and pets in the area."

The City of Greenbelt made a large donation toward the trailer as well as other local organizations, such as Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, Companion Animal Rescue Alliance, Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter, University Park Lions Club, College Park Lions Club, Beltsville Lions Club, Mt. Rainier Lions Club and Brentwood Lions Club. Donations were also made by Mishkan Torah and the Greenbelt Community Church. Other community emergency response teams in Prince George's County held fundraisers for the trailer or made donations. Prince George's County businesses and residents also contributed to the fundraising effort.

"Hyattsville Dog Training Club is very pleased to partner with the City of Greenbelt to bring this trailer to our area," said Michael Mooney, president of the Hyattsville Dog Training Club. "We also want to thank the other sponsors who helped to make this possible. We are grateful to the folks at Greenbelt who worked tirelessly on this project to bring this to fruition. We look forward to continuing to work with our local community for the welfare of animals in need."

For those who missed seeing the AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer during Labor Day weekend, it will be on display at the Hyattsville Dog Training Club's Annual Obedience and Rally Trials on Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will take place at 6822 Distribution Drive, Beltsville. The obedience and rally trials are open to the public.

To learn more about AKC Pet Disaster Relief go to akcreunite.org/relief.



The trailer with a happy helper at the Labor Day Festival

Three Sisters, Two Gardens



Outstanding Citizen 2022 Maggie Cahalan is working in a raised bed at the CHEARS Three Sisters garden at the Community Center. The garden is dedicated to starting new plants and trees. In the photo, there are rosemary, milkweed, sage and paw paw plants.



The Three Sisters Garden at the Springhill Lake Community Center has been restored after the July storm damage.

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